HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

together with the Report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1961.

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HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

(West Suffolk)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1961

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1961.

I am grateful to the County Medical Officer, Dr. D.A. McCracken, M.D., D.P.H., for his help in the compilation of this report. Thanks are due to Dr. McCracken because he acted as your Medical Officer of Health, following the untimely death of Dr. G.P. Barclay.

Thanks are also due to the Clerk to the Council, Mr. W.J. Townsend and to the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, Mr. E.A. Panks, for their work during the year.

I would like to express my appreciation of the kind welcome extended to me by the Chairman, Members of the Council, and Officials of the Council, on taking up my appointment.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

EDWARD KINNEAR.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SECTION A.

Figures in parenthesis refer to previous year

1. General Statistics.

	Area : 4,317 acres.
Population (1961 Census)	3460 (1698 Males (3089) (1762 Females.
Population, Registrar General's Estimate 1961	3450 (3310)
Rateable Value	£33,204. (£32,401)
Number of inhabited houses (1961 Census)	1210 (1173)
Sum represented by a penny rate	£131.10.9d. for financial year ended 31.3.62

2. Extracts of Vital Statistics for the Year.

LIVE BIRTHS	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	49(47)	22(19)	27(28)
Illegitimate	-(1)	-(1)	-(-)
	49(48)	22(20)	27(28)

Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population (Crude) 11.3 (14.5)
(Adjusted) 11.8 (15.7)
Population England and Wales 17.4 (17.1)

STILL BIRTHS	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
Illegitimate	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)

Still Birth Rate per 1000 live and still births 20.0 (Nil)
Still birth rate in England and Wales 19.1 (19.7)
Illegitimate birth rate Nil (2.0%)

DEATHS - as registered in 1961 Death Rate (Crude) 13.6 (9.4)
" " (Adjusted) 13.5 (8.8)
in England and Wales 12.0 (11.5)

Total - all causes 47 (31) 30 (15) Male, 17 (16) Female.

Number of women dying in or in consequence of pregnancy, childbirth or abortion:-

(a) Sepsis - (-)
(b) Other causes - (-)

Section A. continued.

DEATHS Continued.

	Total	Male	Female
Death of infants under one year	-(-)	- (-)	- (-)
Death of infants under four weeks	-(-)	- (-)	- (-)
	-(-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births - Nil (-)
" " " " " " " - legitimate - Nil (-)
" " " " " " " - illegitimate - Nil (-)
Neo-Natal " " " " " " - Nil (-)
Infant Mortality Rate England & Wales - 21.6
Maternal mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births - Nil (-)

DEATHS CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CAUSES

	Total	Males	Females
ALL TYPES	47(31)	30(15)	17(16)
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Tuberculosis, other	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Syphilitic disease	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Diphtheria	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Whooping cough	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Meningococcal infections	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Acute poliomyelitis	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Measles	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Malignant neoplasms, stomach	2(1)	1(1)	1(-)
Malignant neoplasms, lung, bronchus	2(-)	2(-)	-(-)
Malignant neoplasms, breast	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Malignant neoplasms, uterus	-(-)		-(-)
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4(2)	2(1)	2(1)
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1(-)	1(-)	-(-)
Diabetes	-(1)	-(-)	-(1)
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6(6)	4(1)	2(5)
Coronary disease, angina	11(4)	8(1)	3(3)
Hypertension with heart disease	1(1)	-(-)	1(1)
Other heart disease	8(6)	4(3)	4(3)
Other circulatory disease	3(2)	2(2)	1(-)
Influenza	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Pneumonia	2(1)	1(1)	1(-)
Bronchitis	1(4)	1(3)	-(1)
Other diseases of respiratory system	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
Nephritis and nephrosis	1(-)	1(-)	-(-)
Hyperplasia of prostate	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Congenital malformations	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3(2)	2(1)	1(1)
Motor vehicle accidents	1(-)	1(-)	-(-)
All other accidents	-(1)	-(1)	-(-)
Suicide	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Homicide and accidents of war	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)

N.B. In previous years a different method of listing the causes of death was in operation,

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Malignant neoplasms (all types)

Total	Male	Female	
8	5	3	17.0%

Section A. continued.

Vascular diseases, all types (including strokes).

Total	Male	Female	
29	18	11	61.7%

(Eleven of these deaths were from Coronary thrombosis - 23.4%)

SECTION B.

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases - Cases notified.

Number notified:-

Disease	Total	Male	Female
Measles	149	81	68
Non-paralytic poliomyelitis	1	1	-
	150	82	68

There were no deaths from these notifiable diseases.

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TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary			Non-pulmonary			TOTAL
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
Number of cases on register at beginning of year	11	3	14	1	3	4	18
Number of cases added during the year	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Number of cases removed during the year	3	2	5	0	1	1	6
Number of cases remaining on register at end of year	8	2	10	1	2	3	13

SECTION C.

1. Public Health Staff

Medical Officer (part-time) G.P. Barclay, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Died Jan.62)
One Public Health Inspector (E.A. Panks, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.)

2. Nursing in the Home

The West Suffolk County Council's Home nursing and midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

3. Child Welfare Centres

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre, in the town, held at 2.0 p.m. on alternate Mondays at the Congregational Church Hall, Market Place.

4. Health Visiting.

The West Suffolk County Council supply Hadleigh and District with a part-time Health Visitor.

SECTION D.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No cases arose during the year calling for action in accordance with this Section of the Act.

SECTION E.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply

A reasonably satisfactory mains water supply was maintained throughout the district, although occupiers of properties situated on high ground complained of insufficient water at times of peak demand due to lack of pressure. The scheme of water supply which had been planned by the Council's Consulting Engineers to link up the Cosford Rural District Council Regional Scheme to that of the Hadleigh Urban District Council in order to meet these fringe area complaints was begun in the late summer of 1961. By the end of the year, the worst affected part of the district (the high ground at the top of Station Road) was connected to the Cosford mains and now has a very adequate supply of water. At the time of writing this report, it can be stated that the scheme has been to a very large extent completed, apart from minor modifications at Lady Lane service reservoir. Only the very scattered properties on the outskirts of the Urban District are not now connected to the public water supply.

For water supply purposes the Urban District is now divided into three zones of supply:

The central zone is served from water pumped from the Lady Lane bore.
The southern zone is linked to the Cosford R.D.C. mains at Layham.
The northern zone is linked to the Cosford R.D.C. supplies at Aldham.

In the event of a need to take the Lady Lane apparatus out of service, the whole district could be supplied from either of the Cosford R.D.C. supplies. If the Rural District Council supply is temporarily restricted it is still possible to supply all three zones at a reduced pressure to the fringe areas from the Hadleigh Urban District Council Lady Lane supply, coupled with the use of the George Street bore, which can still be brought into use in case of emergency.

The total consumption of water in the district is estimated at 90,000 gallons per day, of which approximately 40,000 are purchased from the Cosford Rural District Council. (The Council are entitled, under the supply Agreement, to draw up to 80,000 gallons per day from Cosford Rural District Council).

Bacteriological analyses:

25 samples of water from the public mains were submitted for bacteriological examination with the following results:

Satisfactory	24.	Unsatisfactory	1.

3 samples were taken from private sources of supply:

Satisfactory	2.	Unsatisfactory	1.

When the unsatisfactory result was obtained, the Owner was advised of the necessary steps to improve the condition of the supply.

Chemical Analyses

3 samples were submitted for chemical analysis, one from the public mains and two from private wells. In all three cases the water was satisfactory for drinking and general purposes. The water from the two private wells was found to be quite safe for infant feeding after assessment of the nitrate content.

Sewage Disposal

A most unsatisfactory effluent continued to be passed into the River Brett from the outmoded and heavily overloaded sewage disposal works, despite every effort to produce a reasonable effluent.

Until the proposed new sewage works is constructed it is almost impossible to produce an effluent of Royal Commission standard.

The Council's Consulting Engineers' scheme of reconstruction and development of a new Sewage Disposal Works layout is in an advanced stage of preparation and this work should be put in hand during 1962. At the time of writing a substantial start has now been made on this reconstruction programme. The scheme has been so designed as to cater for the present population of Hadleigh, together with the additional population which might be attracted to the town under the Town Development Act. The Consultants have also advised the Council on ways of alleviating the existing overloaded sewers in some parts of the town. It will be necessary to provide some additional relief sewers when building on a substantial scale is commenced.

The existing sewer at Gallows Hill was extended during the year to enable development to be carried out to a site in that area.

Cleansing Services

The house refuse collection and trade refuse collection has been carried out by direct labour during the year. The service is fully extended and with the housing developments projected for 1962 it might well be that the Council may need to consider steps to supplement the existing service. Tipping of the refuse is carried out in conjunction with Cosford Rural District Council at a tip on the Hadleigh /Aldham boundary.

A street scavenging service has been maintained throughout the year.

SECTION F.

Public Health and Housing Acts.

Work under these Acts proceeded during the year and the following is a record of the routine work carried out:

(i) Housing Acts.

Number of houses inspected for defects	14
Subsequent inspection of those houses	20
Houses rendered fit by informal action	12
Houses rendered fit by Statutory action	2
Houses found to be totally unfit	4
Houses demolished	4
Closing Orders	1
Undertakings from owners not to relet	-

Improvement Grants:

Standard	12
Discretionary	2

New houses erected by Local Authority:
5 Aged Persons Bedsitters
1 Warden's house (2 bedrooms).

Number of Council houses purchased by tenants	2
Number of houses purchased by Local Authority	1
Total number of post war houses	288
Total number of pre war houses	78

(ii) Public Health Act, 1936

S.93 Informal notices issued	12
S.93 Informal notices complied with	12
S.93 Statutory notices issued	Nil

SECTION G.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

(i) Meat Inspection

There is one licensed slaughterhouse within the Urban District where slaughtering takes place for consumption within the Urban District. Work is being carried out on the provision of a second private slaughterhouse.

Number of visits to slaughterhouse 97

Carcases inspected during the year:

Calves	Cows	Beasts	Pigs	Sheep	Total
7	-	69	178	70	324

Diseased conditions found:-

(a) Tuberculosis

1 Pig's head.

(b) Other diseases

4 Beasts' livers

(ii) Other Food Inspection

The standard of cleanliness was generally satisfactory, the proprietors of the food premises overcoming the difficulties which are inherent with the aged and awkwardly planned premises which comprise the greater part of the shopping centre in the town.

There was one case of extremely dirty conditions found, but after pressure from the Department was brought to bear, the particular premises were completely cleansed and redecorated and are now quite satisfactory.

Unfortunately the pressure of duties has meant that fewer inspections have been carried out at food premises.

Section G. Continued.

(iii) Sampling of ice cream and milk has not been carried out, these duties usually being undertaken by the County Council Weights and Measures Department.

Milk

Supplies of milk have been satisfactory during the year, the licensing of purveyors of milk now being carried out by the County Council.

(a) Registrations

No applications for registration of food preserving premises or applications for licences to retail ice cream were received during the year.

Number of food preserving premises registered	8
Number of ice cream retailers registered	18

(b) Visits to food premises

Dairies	2
Bakehouses	6
Fishmongers	4
Butchers	6
Cafes	2
Slaughterhouses	97
Other food shops	15
	132

(c) Samples

(i) Milk - nil
(ii) Ice-cream nil.

(d) Other Food Condemned

6 tins pork luncheon meat.
2 tins grapefruit juice.
3 tins corned beef.
18 tins mixed fruit.
2 tins tomatoes.
3 tins processed peas.
2 tins evaporated milk.
6 tins chopped pork.
1 tin ox tongue.
3 packets sausages.

SECTION H.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No.on Register	Inspections	Written Notices
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	34	20	-
	36	21	-

Section H. Continued.

2. Cases in which defects were found

	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)			
(a) Insufficient	1	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-
	1	-	1

3. Outwork

There are no outworkers.

SECTION J.

Particulars of Inspections and other work carried out by the Public Health Inspector for the year.

Investigations of complaints	301
Reinspections	107
Drainage tests and inspections	41
Housing Acts	39
Public Health Acts	26
Water Supplies	123
Sewage Works	52
Septic tanks and cesspools	4
Watercourses	10
Public Conveniences	50
Petroleum Regulations	10
Vermin	2
Keeping of Animals	5
Moveable Dwellings	5
Miscellaneous	151
Building Byelaws	431
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